

1 **ARTICLE 2**

2 **RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

3 SECTION 1. Effective July 1, 2023, section 35-3-20.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-
4 3 entitled "State Budget" is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **35-3-20.2. Supplemental state budget reserve account.**

6 (a) There is hereby created within the general fund a supplemental state budget reserve
7 account, which shall be administered by the state controller and which shall be used solely for the
8 purpose of providing such sums as may be appropriated to fund any unanticipated general revenue
9 deficit caused by a general revenue shortfall.

10 (b) At any time after the third quarter of a fiscal year that it is indicated that total resources
11 which are defined to be the aggregate of estimated general revenue, general revenue receivables,
12 and available free surplus in the general fund will be less than the estimates upon which current
13 appropriations were based, the general assembly may make appropriations from the supplemental
14 state budget reserve account for the difference between the estimated total resources and the
15 original estimates upon which enacted appropriations were based, but only in the amount of the
16 difference based upon the revenues projected at the latest state revenue estimating conference
17 pursuant to chapter 16 of this title as reported by the chairperson of that conference.

18 (c) Whenever a transfer has been made pursuant to subsection (b), that transfer shall be
19 considered as estimated general revenues for the purposes of determining the amount to be
20 transferred to the Rhode Island Capital Plan fund for the purposes of § 35-3-20.1(b).

21 (d) The supplemental state budget reserve account shall consist of: ~~(1) S~~ such sums as the
22 state may from time to time directly transfer to the account as authorized in law; ~~and (2) Any~~
23 ~~amounts transferred pursuant to § 35-6-1(e).~~

24 SECTION 2. Section 35-4-27 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-4 entitled "State Funds"
25 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 **35-4-27. Indirect cost recoveries on restricted receipt accounts.**

27 Indirect cost recoveries of ten percent (10%) of cash receipts shall be transferred from all
28 restricted-receipt accounts, to be recorded as general revenues in the general fund. However, there
29 shall be no transfer from cash receipts with restrictions received exclusively: (1) From contributions
30 from nonprofit charitable organizations; (2) From the assessment of indirect cost-recovery rates on
31 federal grant funds; or (3) Through transfers from state agencies to the department of administration
32 for the payment of debt service. These indirect cost recoveries shall be applied to all accounts,
33 unless prohibited by federal law or regulation, court order, or court settlement. The following
34 restricted receipt accounts shall not be subject to the provisions of this section:

1 Executive Office of Health and Human Services
2 Organ Transplant Fund
3 HIV Care Grant Drug Rebates
4 Health System Transformation Project
5 Rhode Island Statewide Opioid Abatement Account
6 HCBS Support-ARPA
7 HCBS Admin Support-ARPA
8 Department of Human Services
9 Veterans' home — Restricted account
10 Veterans' home — Resident benefits
11 Pharmaceutical Rebates Account
12 Demand Side Management Grants
13 Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Fund
14 Donations — New Veterans' Home Construction
15 [Commodity Supplemental Food Program- Claims](#)
16 Department of Health
17 Pandemic medications and equipment account
18 Miscellaneous Donations/Grants from Non-Profits
19 State Loan Repayment Match
20 Healthcare Information Technology
21 Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals
22 Eleanor Slater non-Medicaid third-party payor account
23 Hospital Medicare Part D Receipts
24 RICLAS Group Home Operations
25 [Group Home Facility Improvement Fund](#)
26 Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
27 Emergency and public communication access account
28 Department of Environmental Management
29 National heritage revolving fund
30 Environmental response fund II
31 Underground storage tanks registration fees
32 De Coppet Estate Fund
33 Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
34 Historic preservation revolving loan fund

1 Historic Preservation loan fund — Interest revenue
2 Department of Public Safety
3 E-911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System
4 Forfeited property — Retained
5 Forfeitures — Federal
6 Forfeited property — Gambling
7 Donation — Polygraph and Law Enforcement Training
8 Rhode Island State Firefighter’s League Training Account
9 Fire Academy Training Fees Account
10 Attorney General
11 Forfeiture of property
12 Federal forfeitures
13 Attorney General multi-state account
14 Forfeited property — Gambling
15 Department of Administration
16 OER Reconciliation Funding
17 Health Insurance Market Integrity Fund
18 RI Health Benefits Exchange
19 Information Technology restricted receipt account
20 Restore and replacement — Insurance coverage
21 Convention Center Authority rental payments
22 Investment Receipts — TANS
23 OPEB System Restricted Receipt Account
24 Car Rental Tax/Surcharge-Warwick Share
25 Grants Management Administration
26 RGGI-Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council Projects
27 [Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Operating and Maintenance Account](#)
28 Executive Office of Commerce
29 Housing Resources Commission Restricted Account
30 Housing Production Fund
31 Department of Revenue
32 DMV Modernization Project
33 Jobs Tax Credit Redemption Fund
34 Legislature

1 Audit of federal assisted programs
2 Department of Children, Youth and Families
3 Children’s Trust Accounts — SSI
4 Military Staff
5 RI Military Family Relief Fund
6 RI National Guard Counterdrug Program
7 Treasury
8 Admin. Expenses — State Retirement System
9 Retirement — Treasury Investment Options
10 Defined Contribution — Administration - RR
11 Violent Crimes Compensation — Refunds
12 Treasury Research Fellowship
13 Business Regulation
14 Banking Division Reimbursement Account
15 Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner Reimbursement Account
16 Securities Division Reimbursement Account
17 Commercial Licensing and Racing and Athletics Division Reimbursement Account
18 Insurance Division Reimbursement Account
19 Historic Preservation Tax Credit Account
20 Marijuana Trust Fund
21 Social Equity Assistance Fund
22 Judiciary
23 Arbitration Fund Restricted Receipt Account
24 Third-Party Grants
25 RI Judiciary Technology Surcharge Account
26 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
27 Statewide Student Transportation Services Account
28 School for the Deaf Fee-for-Service Account
29 School for the Deaf — School Breakfast and Lunch Program
30 Davies Career and Technical School Local Education Aid Account
31 Davies — National School Breakfast & Lunch Program
32 School Construction Services
33 Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner
34 Higher Education and Industry Center

1 IGT STEM Scholarships
2 Department of Labor and Training
3 Job Development Fund
4 Rhode Island Council on the Arts
5 Governors' Portrait Donation Fund
6 Statewide records management system account

7 SECTION 3. Effective July 1, 2023, section 35-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-6
8 entitled "Accounts and Control" is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **35-6-1. Controller — Duties in general.**

10 (a) Within the department of administration there shall be a controller who shall be
11 appointed by the director of administration pursuant to chapter 4 of title 36. The controller shall be
12 responsible for accounting and expenditure control and shall be required to:

13 (1) Administer a comprehensive accounting and recording system that will classify the
14 transactions of the state departments and agencies in accordance with the budget plan;

15 (2) Maintain control accounts for all supplies, materials, and equipment for all departments
16 and agencies except as otherwise provided by law;

17 (3) Prescribe a financial, accounting, and cost accounting system for state departments and
18 agencies;

19 (4) Identify federal grant-funding opportunities to support the governor's and general
20 assembly's major policy initiatives and provide technical assistance with the application process
21 and post-award grants management;

22 (5) Manage federal fiscal proposals and guidelines and serve as the state clearinghouse for
23 the application of federal grants;

24 (6) Pre-audit all state receipts and expenditures;

25 (7) Prepare financial statements required by the several departments and agencies, by the
26 governor, or by the general assembly;

27 (8) Approve the orders drawn on the general treasurer; provided, that the pre-audit of all
28 expenditures under authority of the legislative department and the judicial department by the state
29 controller shall be purely ministerial, concerned only with the legality of the expenditure and
30 availability of the funds, and in no event shall the state controller interpose his or her judgment
31 regarding the wisdom or expediency of any item or items of expenditure;

32 (9) Prepare and timely file, on behalf of the state, any and all reports required by the United
33 States, including, but not limited to, the Internal Revenue Service, or required by any department
34 or agency of the state, with respect to the state payroll; and

1 (10) Prepare a preliminary closing statement for each fiscal year. The controller shall
2 forward the statement to the chairpersons of the house finance committee and the senate finance
3 committee, with copies to the house fiscal advisor and the senate fiscal and policy advisor, by
4 September 1 following the fiscal year ending the prior June 30 or thirty (30) days after enactment
5 of the appropriations act, whichever is later. The report shall include but is not limited to:

6 (i) A report of all revenues received by the state in the completed fiscal year, together with
7 the estimates adopted for that year as contained in the final enacted budget, and together with all
8 deviations between estimated revenues and actual collections. The report shall also include cash
9 collections and accrual adjustments;

10 (ii) A comparison of actual expenditures with each of the actual appropriations, including
11 supplemental appropriations and other adjustments provided for in the Rhode Island general laws;

12 (iii) A statement of the opening and closing surplus in the general revenue account; and

13 (iv) A statement of the opening surplus, activity, and closing surplus in the state budget
14 reserve and cash stabilization account and the state bond capital fund.

15 (b) The controller shall provide supporting information on revenues, expenditures, capital
16 projects, and debt service upon request of the house finance committee chairperson, senate
17 finance committee chairperson, house fiscal advisor, or senate fiscal and policy advisor.

18 (c) Upon issuance of the audited annual financial statement, the controller shall provide a
19 report of the differences between the preliminary financial report and the final report as contained
20 in the audited annual financial statement.

21 (d) The controller shall create a special fund not part of the general fund and shall deposit
22 amounts equivalent to all deferred contributions under this act into that fund. Any amounts
23 remaining in the fund on June 15, 2010, shall be transferred to the general treasurer who shall
24 transfer such amounts into the retirement system as appropriate.

25 (e) Upon issuance of the audited financial statement, the controller shall transfer fifty
26 percent (50%) of all general revenues received in the completed fiscal year net of transfer to the
27 state budget reserve and cash stabilization account as required by § 35-3-20 in excess of those
28 estimates adopted for that year as contained in the final enacted budget to the employees' retirement
29 system of the state of Rhode Island as defined in § 36-8-2 ~~and fifty percent (50%) to the~~
30 ~~supplemental state budget reserve account as defined in § 35-3-20.2.~~

31 (f) The controller shall implement a direct deposit payroll system for state employees.

32 (1) There shall be no service charge of any type paid by the state employee at any time
33 which shall decrease the net amount of the employee's salary deposited to the financial institution
34 of the personal choice of the employee as a result of the use of direct deposit.

1 (2) Employees hired after September 30, 2014, shall participate in the direct deposit
2 system. At the time the employee is hired, the employee shall identify a financial institution that
3 will serve as a personal depository agent for the employee.

4 (3) No later than June 30, 2016, each employee hired before September 30, 2014, who is
5 not a participant in the direct deposit system, shall identify a financial institution that will serve as
6 a personal depository agent for the employee.

7 (4) The controller shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary for implementation
8 and administration of the direct deposit system, which shall include limited exceptions to required
9 participation.

10 SECTION 4. Sections 37-7-13 and 37-7-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-7 entitled
11 “Management and Disposal of Property” are hereby amended to read as follows:

12 **37-7-13. Surplus group homes.**

13 Any group home purchased or built by the state of Rhode Island and licensed pursuant to
14 house § 40.1-24-3, which is no longer used to house persons with disabilities and is vacant for a
15 period of one year must be offered for sale on the private housing market forthwith and shall
16 thereafter remain under the jurisdiction of the zoning enforcement officer and the zoning code of
17 that municipality in which the home is located. The zoning enforcement officer and zoning code
18 shall govern the use thereof. The group home shall not acquire any rights of a nonconforming use.
19 Proceeds from the sale of group homes owned by the state of Rhode Island shall be transferred to
20 the group home facility improvement fund, pursuant to § 40.1-1-22.

21 **37-7-15. Sale of state-owned land, buildings and improvements thereon and other real**
22 **property.**

23 (a) Total annual proceeds from the sale of any land and the buildings and improvements
24 thereon, and other real property, title to which is vested in the state of Rhode Island or title to which
25 will be vested in the state upon completion of any condemnation or other proceedings, except for
26 the sale of group homes as referenced in § 37-7-13, shall be transferred to the information
27 technology restricted receipt account (ITRR account) and made available for the purposes outlined
28 in § 42-11-2.5(a), unless otherwise prohibited by federal law.

29 (b) Provided, however, this shall not include proceeds from the sale of any land and the
30 buildings and improvements thereon that will be created by the relocation of interstate route 195,
31 which is sometimes collectively referred to as the “I-195 Surplus Land,” which land is identified
32 in the “Rhode Island Interstate 195 Relocation Surplus Land: Redevelopment and Market Analysis”
33 prepared by CKS Architecture & Urban Design dated 2009, and such term means those certain
34 tracts or parcels of land situated in the city of Providence, county of Providence, state of Rhode

1 Island, delineated on that certain plan of land captioned “Improvements to Interstate Route 195,
2 Providence, Rhode Island, Proposed Development Parcel Plans 1 through 10, Scale: 1”=20’, May
3 2010, Bryant Associates, Inc., Engineers-Surveyors-Construction Managers, Lincoln, Rhode
4 Island, Maguire Group, Inc., Architects/Engineers/Planners, Providence, Rhode Island.”

5 (c) Provided, however, the transfer of proceeds in subsection (a) shall not include proceeds
6 from the sale of state-owned group homes or “community residences” as that term is defined in §
7 40.1-24-1(2) and licensed by the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities
8 and hospitals. Proceeds from the sale of these properties will be transferred to the group home
9 facility improvement fund, pursuant to § 40.1-1-22.

10 ~~(e)~~ (d) Subject to the approval of the director of the department of administration, the state
11 controller is authorized to offset any currently recorded outstanding liability on the part of
12 developmental disability organizations (DDOs) to repay previously authorized startup capital
13 advances against the proceeds from the sale of group homes within a fiscal year prior to any sale
14 proceeds being deposited into the information technology investment fund.

15 SECTION 5. Chapter 40.1-1 of the General Laws entitled “Behavioral Healthcare,
16 Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
17 section:

18 **40.1-1-22. Group Home Facility Improvement Fund.**

19 There is created within the general fund of the state a restricted receipt account to be known
20 as the “group home facility improvement fund.” Money transferred to this fund shall include, but
21 is not limited to, the proceeds from the surplus of state-owned group home facilities or “community
22 residences” as that term is defined in § 40.1-24-1(2) and licensed by the department of behavioral
23 healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals; or, notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 37-7-
24 1 and 37-7-9, rents collected from provider agencies providing services in state-owned group home
25 as defined in § 40.1-24-1(2) and licensed by the department of behavioral healthcare,
26 developmental disabilities and hospitals. All money in the account shall by utilized by the
27 department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (“department”) to
28 fund the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of state-owned facilities as defined by § 40.1-24-1(6).
29 Use of the funds will be directed by the department’s strategic priorities. The group home facility
30 improvement fund shall be exempt from the indirect cost recovery provisions of § 35-4-27.

31 SECTION 6. Section 42-6.2-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-6.2 entitled "2021 Act
32 on Climate” is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 **42-6.2-3.1. Funding for the council.**

34 There is hereby established a restricted receipt account in the general fund of the state and

1 housed in the budget of the department of administration entitled “RGGI-executive climate change
2 coordinating council projects.” The express purpose of this account is to record receipts and
3 expenditures allocated pursuant to § 23-82-6(a)(7),(8). The state budget officer is hereby authorized
4 to create restricted receipt sub-accounts in any department of state government that receives such
5 funding as directed by the executive climate change coordinating council.

6 The Rhode Island executive climate change coordinating council shall report annually to
7 the governor and general assembly within one hundred twenty (120) days of the end of each
8 calendar year how the funds were used to achieve the statutory objectives of the 2021 Act on
9 Climate.

10 SECTION 7. Section 42-11-2.5 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-11 entitled “Department
11 of Administration” is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 **42-11-2.5. Information technology restricted receipt account and large systems**
13 **initiatives fund.**

14 (a) All sums from the sale of any land and the buildings and improvements thereon, and
15 other real property, title to which is vested in the state, except as provided in ~~§§ 37-7-15(b) and 37-~~
16 ~~7-15(e)~~ § 37-7-15(b)-(d), shall be transferred to an information technology restricted receipt
17 account (ITRR account) that is hereby established. This ITRR account shall consist of such sums
18 from the sale of any land and the buildings and improvements thereon, and other real property, title
19 to which is vested in the state, except as provided in ~~§§ 37-7-15(b) and 37-7-15(e)~~ § 37-7-15(b)-
20 (d), as well as a share of first response surcharge revenues collected under the provisions of § 39-
21 21.1-14. This ITRR account may also consist of such sums as the state may from time to time
22 appropriate; as well as money received from the disposal of information technology hardware, loan,
23 interest, and service charge payments from benefiting state agencies; as well as interest earnings,
24 money received from the federal government, gifts, bequest, donations, or otherwise from any
25 public or private source. Any such funds shall be exempt from the indirect cost recovery provisions
26 of § 35-4-27.

27 (1) This ITRR account shall be used for the purpose of acquiring information technology
28 improvements, including, but not limited to: hardware, software, consulting services, and ongoing
29 maintenance and upgrade contracts for state departments and agencies.

30 (2) The division of enterprise technology strategy and services of the Rhode Island
31 department of administration shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with the purposes of this
32 chapter and chapter 35 of this title, in order to provide for the orderly and equitable disbursement
33 of funds from this ITRR account.

34 (3) For all requests for proposals that are issued for information technology projects, a

1 corresponding information technology project manager shall be assigned.

2 (b) There is also hereby established a special fund to be known as the large systems
3 initiatives fund (LSI fund), separate and apart from the general fund of the state, to be administered
4 by the chief information officer within the department of administration for the purpose of
5 implementing and maintaining enterprise-wide software projects for executive branch departments.
6 The LSI fund shall consist of such sums as the state may from time to time directly appropriate to
7 the LSI fund. After the completion of any project, the chief digital officer shall inform the state
8 controller of unexpended sums previously transferred to the LSI Fund for that project and the state
9 controller shall subsequently transfer any such unexpended funds to the information technology
10 restricted receipt account.

11 (c) For any new project initiated using sums expended from the LSI Fund, as part of its
12 budget submission pursuant to § 35-3-4 relative to state fiscal year 2025 and thereafter, the
13 department of administration shall include a statement of project purpose and the estimated project
14 cost.

15 SECTION 8. Section 42-66-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-66 entitled "Office of
16 Healthy Aging" is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 **42-66-4. Duties of the division.**

18 (a) The division shall be the principal agency of the state to mobilize the human, physical,
19 and financial resources available to plan, develop, and implement innovative programs to ensure
20 the dignity and independence of elderly persons, including the planning, development, and
21 implementation of a home- and long-term-care program for the elderly in the communities of the
22 state.

23 (b)(1) The division shall serve as an advocate for the needs of the adult with a disability as
24 these needs and services overlap the needs and services of elderly persons.

25 (2) The division shall serve as the state's central agency for the administration and
26 coordination of a long-term-care entry system, using community-based access points, that will
27 provide the following services related to long-term care: information and referral; initial screening
28 for service and benefits eligibility; and a uniform assessment program for state-supported long-
29 term care.

30 (3) The division shall investigate reports of elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, or self-
31 neglect and shall provide and/or coordinate protective services.

32 (c) To accomplish these objectives, the director is authorized:

33 (1) To provide assistance to communities in solving local problems with regard to elderly
34 persons including, but not limited to, problems in identifying and coordinating local resources to

- 1 serve the needs of elderly persons;
- 2 (2) To facilitate communications and the free flow of information between communities
3 and the offices, agencies, and employees of the state;
- 4 (3) To encourage and assist communities, agencies, and state departments to plan, develop,
5 and implement home- and long-term care programs;
- 6 (4) To provide and act as a clearinghouse for information, data, and other materials relative
7 to elderly persons;
- 8 (5) To initiate and carry out studies and analyses that will aid in solving local, regional,
9 and statewide problems concerning elderly persons;
- 10 (6) To coordinate those programs of other state agencies designed to assist in the solution
11 of local, regional, and statewide problems concerning elderly persons;
- 12 (7) To advise and inform the governor on the affairs and problems of elderly persons in the
13 state;
- 14 (8) To exercise the powers and discharge the duties assigned to the director in the fields of
15 health care, nutrition, homemaker services, geriatric day care, economic opportunity, local and
16 regional planning, transportation, and education and pre-retirement programs;
- 17 (9) To further the cooperation of local, state, federal, and private agencies and institutions
18 providing for services or having responsibility for elderly persons;
- 19 (10) To represent and act on behalf of the state in connection with federal grant programs
20 applicable to programs for elderly persons in the functional areas described in this chapter;
- 21 (11) To seek, accept, and otherwise take advantage of all federal aid available to the
22 division, and to assist other agencies of the state, local agencies, and community groups in taking
23 advantage of all federal grants and subventions available for elderly persons and to accept other
24 sources of funds with the approval of the director of administration that shall be deposited as general
25 revenues;
- 26 (12) To render advice and assistance to communities and other groups in the preparation
27 and submission of grant applications to state and federal agencies relative to programs for elderly
28 persons;
- 29 (13) To review and coordinate those activities of agencies of the state and of any political
30 subdivision of the state at the request of the subdivision, that affect the full and fair utilization of
31 community resources for programs for elderly persons, and initiate programs that will help ensure
32 such utilization;
- 33 (14) To encourage the formation of councils on aging and to assist local communities in
34 the development of the councils;

1 (15) To promote and coordinate daycare facilities for the frail elderly who are in need of
2 supportive care and supervision during the daytime;

3 (16) To provide and coordinate the delivery of in-home services to the elderly, as defined
4 under the rules and regulations adopted by the office of healthy aging;

5 (17) To advise and inform the public of the risks of accidental hypothermia;

6 (18) To establish a clearinghouse for information and education of the elderly citizens of
7 the state, including, but not limited to, and subject to available funding, a web-based caregiver
8 support information center;

9 (19) [As amended by P.L. 2019, ch. 110, § 2]. To establish and operate, in collaboration
10 with the departments of behavioral health, developmental disabilities and hospitals; human
11 services; and children youth and families regular community agencies supporting caregivers, a
12 statewide family-caregiver support association and a family-caregiver resource network to provide
13 and coordinate family-caregiver training and support services to include counseling and elder
14 caregiver respite services, which shall be subject to available funding, and include home
15 health/homemaker care, adult day services, assisted living, and nursing facility care; and

16 (19) [As amended by P.L. 2019, ch. 130, § 2]. To establish and operate, in collaboration
17 with the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals; the
18 department of human services; the department of children, youth and families, and community
19 agencies supporting caregivers, a statewide family-caregiver support association and a family-
20 caregiver resource network to provide and coordinate family-caregiver training and support
21 services to include counseling and caregiver respite services, which shall be subject to available
22 funding, and include home health/homemaker care, adult day services, assisted living, and nursing
23 facility care; and

24 (20) To supervise the citizens' commission for the safety and care of the elderly created
25 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 1.4 of title 12.

26 (d) In order to assist in the discharge of the duties of the division, the director may request
27 from any agency of the state information pertinent to the affairs and problems of elderly persons.

28 (e) There is hereby established within the general fund of the state and housed within the
29 budget of the office of healthy aging a restricted receipt account entitled "Commodity Supplemental
30 Food Program- Claims" to account for funds collected in payment of claims for donated food
31 losses, pursuant to united states department of agriculture guidelines under the commodity
32 supplemental food program. Expenditures from this account shall be utilized by the office solely
33 for the following purposes:

34 (i) Purchase of replacement foods.

1 [\(ii\) Payment of administrative costs.](#)

2 [\(iii\) Replacement of lost or improperly used funds.](#)

3 [\(iv\) For use as a salvage account in compliance with federal regulations.](#)

4 SECTION 9. Chapter 42-140 of the General Laws entitled “Rhode Island Energy
5 Resources Act” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

6 **[42-140-11. Electric vehicle charging stations operating and maintenance fund.](#)**

7 [\(a\) There is established a restricted receipts account within the general fund of the state, to](#)
8 [be known as the "electric vehicle charging stations operating and maintenance account", to be](#)
9 [administered by the office of energy resources for the purposes of installing, operating, and](#)
10 [maintaining electric vehicle charging stations on state properties.](#)

11 [\(b\) Effective January 1, 2025, the office of energy resources shall establish electric vehicle](#)
12 [charging station fees for electric vehicle charging stations operating on state properties.](#)

13 [\(c\) The office of energy resources shall post the proposed charging station fees on its](#)
14 [website and solicit public comment for a period of thirty \(30\) days.](#)

15 [\(d\) The office of energy resources shall have the authority to allocate funds not utilized in](#)
16 [a fiscal year to fulfill the objectives of this section. Funds deposited into the electric vehicle](#)
17 [charging stations operating and maintenance account shall be exempt from the indirect cost](#)
18 [recovery provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 35-4-27.](#)

19 SECTION 10. Sections 1 and 3 of this Article shall take effect as of July 1, 2023. Section
20 2 and Sections 4 through 9 shall take effect as of July 1, 2024.